

Interagency Security Committee Stakeholders,

This month we observed the 19th Anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. What may be overlooked when we remember that historic day is that in the aftermath of those attacks another series of attacks were conducted across the nation. These attacks included the use of the postal system to deliver a white powder containing anthrax spores. The result, over 40 people tested positive for exposure to anthrax and approximately 10,000 more were considered at risk of possible exposure. In the end, of the 22 people sickened by anthrax, five died.

As we remember these anthrax attacks, I would like to remind our readers of the ISC's first edition of ***Best Practices for Mail Screening and Handling*** published in September 2011. This guidance document identifies best practices for mitigating a number of threats that can be delivered through the mail, including anthrax. This publication is designed to provide mail center managers, their supervisors, and an organization's security personnel a framework for understanding and mitigating risks posed to the organization by the mail and packages it receives and delivers on a daily basis. A year later, due to the popularity and demand for this document, the ISC produced a [non-FOUO version](#) making this expertise available more broadly to our public and private sector partners outside of the federal government.

I also want to remind you that we will commemorate the ISC's 25th Anniversary virtually with our members on October 19, 2020. Please visit the [25th Anniversary website](#) or reach out to us at ISC.DHS.GOV@HQ.DHS.GOV if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued partnership to defend today and secure tomorrow.

Very Respectfully,
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